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Under current law, polling places are staffed by election inspectors that are supposed to be nominated by the two major political parties. Section 7.30 of Wisconsin Statutes relating to election inspectors is built around partisan participation at the polls. This framework ensures that each party has trusted workers at each polling place in the event problems arise and provides proper oversight of the election administration.

Senate Bill 265 (SB 265) requires, as practical, each party have representation on each specific job within the polling place for each job requiring two or more people.

SB 265 provides at the times two or more inspectors are required to perform a function within a polling place and both parties that are entitled to submit nominees have done so, the chief inspector must assign, insofar as practicable, an equal number of inspectors from the nominees of each party.

Thank you for your attention to SB 265